

COAL AT \$8 IN A WEEK.

Retailers, Alarmed and Worried
by the Public Anger, Hold
Their \$15 a Ton Rate Over
for Reconsideration.

WILL GET WHAT THEY CAN.

Prices Will Go Down to \$12 by
Wednesday, and by Monday Con-
ditions Are Expected to Be as
Normal as Possible.

Hard coal will be selling in New York
on Wednesday or Thursday for \$12 a
ton.

On Monday next the price will prob-
ably drop to \$8 and possibly \$7 a ton.
The schedule of the retail coal dealers
of New York fixing \$15 per ton as the
rate for this week is in abeyance. In-
dividual dealers are free to sell at the
best price each can get.

The Evening World's statement on
Saturday showing the extraordinary
conditions of the local retail coal trade—
how the operators have not raised
prices, how coal dealers were holding
up prices to save themselves from losses
on high-priced coal they bought for
speculative purposes, and how cheaply
coal can be delivered to your home—
brought about a big change in the plans
of the dealers today.

If householders will buy only in small
lots coal can be had in New York in
three weeks' time at normal prices.

Dealers Go as They Please.

The fact that the \$15 schedule has
gone by the board was admitted today
by J. Samuel Smoot, President of the
Association.

"Owing to the peculiar conditions now
existing," he said, "the schedule will
no longer be operative. Each individual
dealer will have the right to fix his own
price and set what he can for his coal."
There is little coal coming into New
York as yet. Each dealer has to get
his coal wherever he can. The price he
has to pay for his coal varies. He was there-
fore free to get what he can for it.

"In my opinion there is no coal to be
obtained as fast as for \$15 a ton, f. o. b.
The operators haven't sent us any state-
ment to this effect. There has been a
lot of talk about it in the newspapers,
but that's all. I think that there will
be coal coming in within a few days.
By Wednesday I expect to see coal sell-
ing at \$12 a ton and by next Monday at
\$7 or \$8."

No Rush for Coal To-Day.

Fine Indian summer weather almost
brought the demand for coal to a stand-
still today, except in manufacturing
plants. All the retail dealers and the
sales agents for the big operating com-
panies noted the marked falling off
with great relief.

It was estimated by the sales agents
that about 25,000 tons of the mines
got in or would get in to this market
during the day. That is it was landed
at some one of the New Jersey dis-
tributing points. Of this only about
1,000 tons was fit for use in houses. The
rest was what was known as washery
coal good for making steam.

In addition to this amount there was
a lot of coal coming in from the dis-
tributors. Large retailers have scoured the
West and North and have been able to
get lots of coal at fancy prices. This is
beginning to come in and it is this
especially that they are anxious to work
off on the public at high prices for it
has cost them a good deal to get it here.

Haverley Had No Coal.

Even the trust kings have trouble in
getting coal nowadays. H. O. Haver-
ley, the sugar king, got back from
Europe to find that he hadn't a ton of
coal in his house. He scurried around
but couldn't get any, so he called up
his friend, President Fowler, of the
New York, Ontario and Western. He
told Mr. Fowler his plight and the rail-
road man went to his rescue with one
ton.

All the dealers say they are still
selling in the smallest lots possible and
mostly to their old customers only.
Sarns Bros. Hardware & Tool Co.,
H. L. Herbert & Son and Olin J.
Stephen said they had in stock 20, 50,
60 and 120 tons respectively. They
would not sell more than two tons to
any individual on the ground that there
was no telling when the new supply
would arrive.

FRENCH CHAMBER MAY FACE CRISIS.

Member Moves Separation of
Church and State to Test
Government Sincerity.

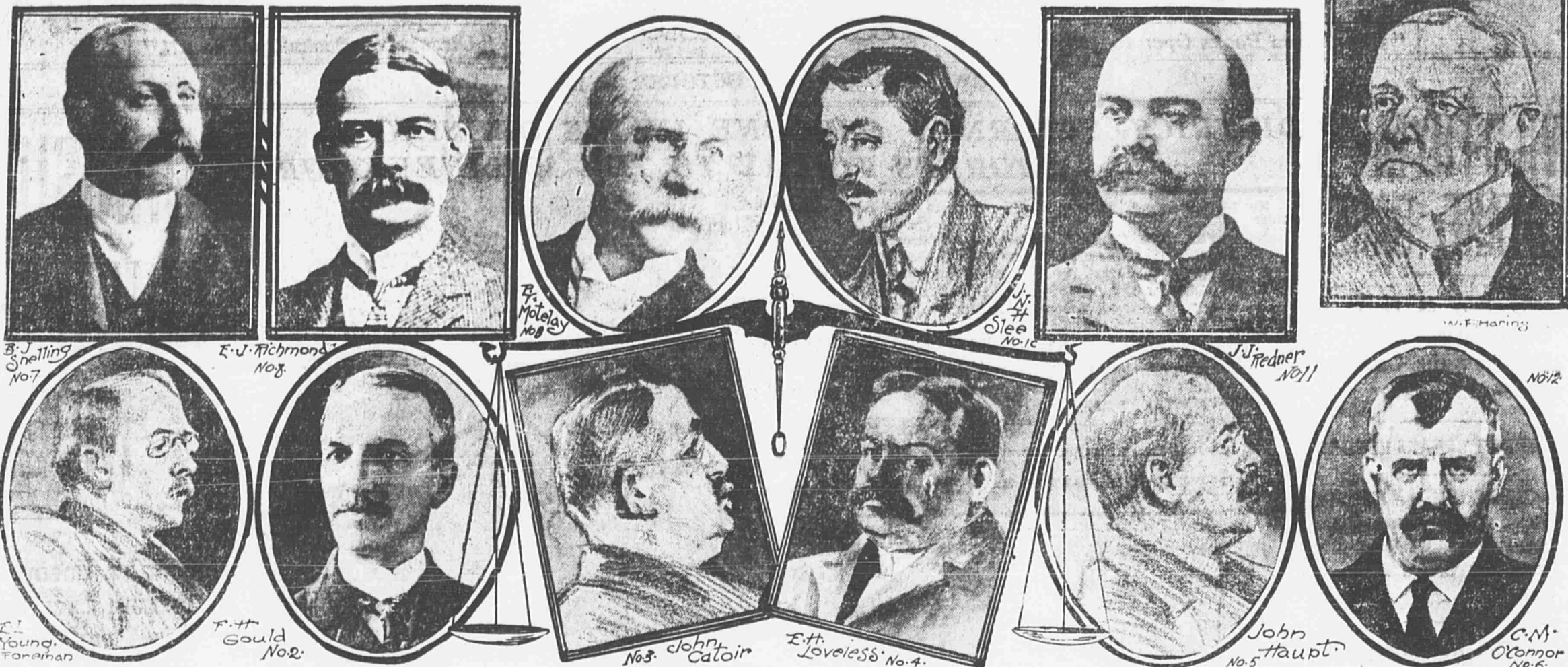
PARIS, Oct. 20.—At the opening of
business in the Chamber of Deputies to-
day, Ernest Roche, Nationalist, intro-
duced a bill providing for the separation
of church and State, the abolition of
the budget of Public Worship, and the
suppression of the French Embassy at
the Vatican.

The bill was presented as a challenge
to the Government to carry out the
Radical program, M. Roche declaring
that the question had figured long
enough in the Radical platform and that
the struggle against the Congrega-
tions was sincere, the Government
ought to carry out the separation of
Church and State.

The Deputy demanded that the Cham-
ber declare its attitude on this matter,
Premier Combes refused to accept
the proposition, saying the bill was only in-
tended to embarrass the Government.
M. Roche declared that he and his
Radical friends also would oppose ur-
gently for the same reason.

The Chamber rejected the urgency
motion by 245 to 179 votes, but ordered
a discussion of the bill. The discussion
of the bill was postponed to to-morrow.

THESE ARE THE TWELVE JURORS CHOSEN IN RECORD-BREAKING TIME FOR NEW YORK TO TRY ROLAND B. MOLINEUX FOR POISONING MRS. ADAMS.



MINERS CHEER MITCHELL; RE-ELECT HIM AS CHIEF.

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They adjourned at 11:15 to meet again
at 12 noon.

A delegate suggested that the interim
be made a social session and this was
agreed to. Then songs were sung with
fine zest and with a roar of choruses
that only miners and sailors can
achieve.

"Give Three Cheers for Mitchell," for
the strike that We Have Won" was
sung by a Wilkesbarre delegate and it
swept the convention with enthusiasm.
The only colored delegate sang a typi-
cal Southern negro song, and there were
other songs and glees, principally from
the Welshmen, who have great reputa-
tions as sweet singers.

A motion to adjourn was killed by an
almost unanimous vote. A motion was
then carried to exclude from the hall
all but the newspaper men.

MITCHELL'S SPEECH A PLEA FOR PEACE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 20.—Fol-
lowing is the speech of President John
Mitchell delivered at the opening of
the Miners' Convention here today:

"In opening this convention for the
transaction of business I take pleasure
in extending warm greeting and wel-
come to the accredited representatives
of the 150,000 men and boys whose heroic
struggle for living wages and American
conditions of employment has won the
admiration of the whole civilized world.

"It is, of course, a source of deep re-
gret that the millions of underpaid
workers in our great cities should be
the most acute sufferers by reason of
this contest between ourselves and our
employers. But, strange as it may ap-
pear, hundreds upon hundreds of those
who suffered most from lack of fuel sent
words of commendation and encourage-
ment to us, and in many instances de-
clared that they would endure any per-
sonal sacrifice in order that the miners
and their families might secure a suffi-
cient wage to enable them to enjoy a little
happiness and sunshine instead of the
darkness and cold of winter."

TOWN TURNED OUT AFTER THIS SWAIN.

Burglar Scare All Around and
Lively Chase for Man Who
Had Only Called on Girl.

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NORTH PELHAM, N. Y., Oct. 20.—
Ernest Schmidt, who went to see his
sweetheart and remained a little longer
than was expected, was chased a mile and
fired at four times by a policeman, who mis-
took him for a burglar.

The villagers joined in the run, and
policemen called by mistake from Mount
Vernon, went on a dash to intercept the
supposed fugitive.

Schmidt had visited a young woman in
this village and it was 2 o'clock before
he left her home and started along Fifth
street toward Fifth avenue, North Pel-
ham, where he was going to board a
trolley for Mount Vernon.

Schmidt was walking rapidly when, by
the light of a gas lamp, he caught sight
of a man standing near the post office.
The person was chased a mile and fired
at four times by a policeman, who mis-
took him for a burglar.

This scared the man more and he ran
faster. When Schmidt did not stop the
policeman whipped out his revolver and
fired at him four times.

The noise of the shooting brought out
a force of residents and Schmidt was
chased to a standstill and found lying
exhausted in a ditch.

As he was pulled out two policemen,
who had been called by an excited vil-
lager from Mount Vernon, raced up to
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Widow of Warrior President Is
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—The
report that Mrs. U. S. Grant was dan-
gerously ill at her home in this city is
absolutely without foundation. Mrs.
Grant has not been in better health for
the past five years. She arrived in
Washington on Friday morning from
her summer home at Cobourg, Canada,
and has been able to go to the dining-
room for every meal—something which
has been impossible for her during the
past five years.

Shortly before leaving Cobourg Mrs.
Grant was under the doctor's care for
an asthmatic trouble from which she
suffered for many years. By her
physician's instructions she came to
Washington at this time because of the
mild climate and at his suggestion
she hired a special train from Cobourg
to Washington in order to avoid the de-
lay of six hours at Toronto and Buffalo.
She stood the journey very well and ar-
rived here in excellent health and spirits
and much improved by the change of
climate.

Mrs. Grant and her daughter, Mrs.
Sartoris, have been very much grieved
at these untimely rumors about her ill
health. All day yesterday and to-day
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